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SPATCH NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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TO : Chief, SR  
Att: E  
FROM : Chief of Base, Frankfurt

DATE: 7 SEP 1955  
INFO: CCS, Germany

SUBJECT: GENERAL— DIRECT

SPECIFIC— Transmittal of IR's Part I and II

1. Transmitted under separate cover are IR's Parts I and II for Romulus MANDEL.

2. It is planned to recruit subject as a principal agent for our Estonian activities. Subject's duties will include spotting the Estonian emigration in East Germany; developing, under the subject's leads worthy of such development; and performing other tasks in support of our and Headquarters' Estonian operations. Recruiting mail drops, gathering biographical information on repatriated and escapees from Estonia, etc.

3. It is requested that the necessary security clearance to use MANDEL for the purposes described in paragraph 2 above be procured as soon as possible, in order that we can fully exploit the Estonian leads that arise from time to time. Field traces have been initiated.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

6 September 1955

Attachments: A. IR, Part I (each USC)  
B. IR, Part II

Distribution:

4-EQS w/atts A & B in triplicate (DIRECT)  
3-CCS, Germany w/atts A & B - single copy

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Sep. Cover Att. - EGPA-6806

1. Full name **Romulus** **MANDEL**
2. Name in code **Same as Para. 1**
3. Date of birth **26 October 1915** **Linnaeus, Estonia**
4. Present address **Estonian**
5. Nationality **Estonian**
6. Place of birth **4221 Labor Service Co. (Estonian),  
Rhine Depot, Bruchmuehlbach near Landstuhl, Germany**
7. Service **Same as Para 8**
8. Position **Lieutenant in Labor Service Company**
9. Date of arrival in the United States **Five**
10. Former wife now in U. S.
11. Date of arrival in the United States **None known**

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Jean Mandel, born 1881 in Estonia.

Minna (Nee Haller) Mandel, born 1885 in Estonia, deceased 1942.

15. Name not given, Estonian, married 22 September 1944 and divorced in November 1950. Wife re-married and emigrated to U.S.

16. Daughter Maria Herena Synnove, born 27 June 1945. Subject awarded legal custody of child who formerly in Lutheran Children's Home at Lochhausen near Munich, now with German family in Bruchmuehlbach.

17. Sisters: Herena, 53 yrs, married to farmer, 3 children; Erika-Elisabeth died in 1933, Karoline, 50 yrs, married, one daughter.  
Brothers: Gotthard, died in 1931; Rurik-Walter, 45 yrs, married, one son, operating father's farm.

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18. Details of arrest, if any, and how and where arrested.

**None known.**

19. List all known aliases, with dates, and place of issue and location of validity.

**Estonian passport 4589 issued 27 February 1948 by Estonian Consulate, New York.  
DP Certificate 044197, issued IRO Munich, 25 May 1951.  
Kennkarte B 07150, issued 10 May 1947, District Office Bad Aibling.  
Reiseausweis 0024569 issued 28 August 1951 in Stuttgart.**

20. Religion - current and past, membership in religious or other

**Not known**

21. Present and past political affiliations

**Not known**

22. Travel outside country of present residence - country, date, purpose, people and firms visited.

**Finland and USSR during war.**

23. Education - School, location, course, degree dates

**See attached sheet.**

24. Languages and dialects in which proficiency is good, fair, poor.

Language <b>Estonian</b>	Speak <b>native</b>	Read	Understand
Language <b>German</b>	Speak <b>good</b>	Read	Understand
Language <b>Finnish</b>	Speak <b>average</b>	Read	Understand
<b>English</b>	<b>good</b>		

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23. Elementary School (4 yrs) - 1923-1927 in Linnamae.  
Elementary School (2 yrs) - 1927-1929 in Voru.  
Secondary School (Gymnasium (2 yrs) - 1931-1933 in Voru.  
Secondary School (Realschule) (3 yrs) - 1933-1936 in Voru.  
Preparatory course for Reserve Officers in Tallin Tondi - 1936-1937.  
Regular Officers School in Nursi - 1937-1939.  
Military College, Motorized Regt., Tallin - Jan 1939-Jun 1939.  
War School in Tallin Tondi - Jun 1939-Aug 1940.  
Criminal Police Course in Tallin - Mar 1942-Apr 1942.

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25. Military Service - dates, country, unit, rank, entry, where services performed, decorations, when discharged, why. Give details of ever prisoner of war.

See attached sheet.

26. Present and past membership in organizations (professional, social, political, etc.)

None known.

27. Special skills, abilities, hobbies (radio, photography, etc.)

Drawing, driving, typing, interested in motors, vehicles, machinery.

28. Financial status - earnings, bank deposits, securities, property.

Not known.

29. Employment history - type of work, salary, dates, employers, addresses, reasons for leaving. Include employment by any government.

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25. Voluntary Training in the 4th Art. Regt. in Tartu Jun 1936 - Aug 1936.  
Reserve Officers Course in Tallin Tondi, theory and practical training,  
Sep 1936 - Aug 1937, promotion to officer's candidate.  
Military School: as platoon commander of the 3rd Battery of 3rd Art.  
Regt. (artillery service) in Nursi, Sep 1937 - Jan 1939.  
Autotank Regt. Tallin, Jan 1939 - Jun 1939.  
Jun 1939 - Aug 1939 in Tallin Tondi.  
Passed examination for Military College in Aug 1940 and became Sergeant.  
Military College: Entered on 1 Sep 1939 and stayed until Aug 1940, in  
Tallin Tondi.  
Military Active Service:  
Sep 1940 in Rakvere, platoon commander of 2nd Art. Regt., promoted  
to 2nd Lt.  
Oct 1940 - Jun 1941 service with 42nd Inf. Regt. of 1st Est. Inf.  
Corps in Paide.  
28 Jun 41 - 12 Jul 41 participation in Russo-German war on battle-  
front Porkhov-Ostrov.  
Until 24 Feb 1942 PW in Germany, Camp Stalagla, town of Stahlag.  
1 Feb 1944 called for service in the Oma Kaitse but escaped to  
Piritti, Finland where enlisted on 24 Feb 1944 in 200th  
Finnish Art. Regt.  
Training until 24 Jun 1944.  
Participation on battlefield Wiipuri-Aurapea until beginning  
Sep 1944.  
Enlistment in German 11th Art. Regt., 11th Inf. Division and  
fighting on Narva Front from 4 Sep 1944 until retreat to  
Tapa 19 Sep 1944.

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29. 1929 - 1931 - Helped father on farm in Linnamae, Estonia  
Apr 1942 - Jan 1943 - Criminal Police Officer in Kuressaare  
Jan 1943 - Aug 1943 - Criminal Police Officer in Valga  
Sep 1943 - Feb 1944 - Farm work in Linnamae  
18 Oct 44 - Jan 1945 - With firm Schaffitsel in Obersonthelm as asst. driver  
5 Apr 45 - May 1945 - Same as above  
Jan 1946 - 12 Dec 46 - UNRRA mail courier, Freilassing  
12 Dec 46 - 12 Sep 47 - 8851 USLS Truck Co., Bad Aibling, chief clerk  
Sep 1947 - 4 May 48 - IRO Camp Police, Freilassing  
May 1948 - Feb 1949 - 2040 USLS QM Co., 2nd Lt., APO 403-A  
Feb 1949 - Apr 1949 - L.S. QM Co. Rhine Main Airport, Platoon Leader  
May 1949 - July 49 - 8512 US L.C. Constr. Eng. Co., Bad Nauheim, Sergeant  
July 1949 - 1 Sep 49 - US L.C. Guard Co., Wurnberg, Sergeant  
Sep 1949 - May 1951 - IRO Billeting Officer, Pasing/Munchen  
May 1951 - Present - 4221 US L.S. Guard Co., Wurnberg, 2nd Lt.  
4221 Labor Service Co., Rhine Ammunition Depot,  
Bruchmuhlbach near Landstuhl

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29. **Continued**

30. Has suggested any writing? Give details including titles of books, articles, publishers, dates.

**No.**

31. List of persons living at same address, close associates, individuals or groups, correspondents at home and abroad.

**None known**

32. List given names or references

**No recent references. Following given in 1951:**

**Gert Buschmann, Munich, Galileiplatz 2  
Artur Piller, DP Camp Feldafing, Starnberger Lake  
Karl Heins Gruehn, Munich-Pasing, Wilhelm Hey 4**

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33. Other records - birth, marriage, divorce, death, etc., social records, occupational, etc.

**Arrested for drunken driving on 19 August 1951 in Nurnberg.**

34. Description (in American standards of measurement, if possible.)

Age	40	Feature	<b>Straight</b>
Apparent age		Weight	<b>199 lbs.</b>
Height	<b>5' 11"</b>	Teeth	
Eyes	<b>Blue</b>	Hair	<b>Brown</b>
Face - shape	<b>Square</b>	Scars	
Complexion		Build	
Sex	<b>Male</b>		
General appearance			
Prominent features			
Other identifying features			

35. Other miscellaneous biographical data and comments.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIELD STATIONS  
PART II - ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Instructions to Case Officer:

1. If feasible, subject should fill in Part I of PFI in his own hand.
2. Part II of PFI is classified, must be filled in by the Case Officer and is not to be shown to subject.
3. Headquarters will not be able to provide an operational clearance unless it receives answers to all questions on page 1 of Part I (items 1 to 12), and to all questions of Part II (items 36 to 58).
4. In emergency these answers, keyed to items 1 to 12 by number, and with summary of Part II, may be cabled to Headquarters, followed promptly by pouch with complete data.
5. Fully completed PFI must be sent to HQ as soon as possible, two copies of Part I (including copy in subject's handwriting, if possible) and one copy of Part II.
6. Data acquired later must be sent to Headquarters in PFI format on a continuing basis.
7. All pages of both parts will bear the PFI number, composed of (a) Station symbol (b) PFI (c) number assigned consecutively by the field station; e.g. PFI/PC/10.

36. Cryptonym: Aerost/7
37. How, when and where was subject first contacted or developed?  
Initially spotted under ZRELOPE and LCHOMELY projects.  
Contact re-established by Frankfurt Operations Base in August 1955.
38. Could subject be turned over quickly and in a secure manner to someone else for handling? Yes. To whom? Any capable case officer.
39. Best estimate of subject's motivation:  
(1) Ideological opposition to Communism.  
(2) Interest in intelligence-type work.

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40. With us the FBI is interested in the subject's whereabouts, result of his activities, and the type of information furnished to subjects.

All Bases in Germany, as well as U.S. Army intelligence agencies.

No derogatory information.

Another FOB contract agent who knows subject was questioned re him.

41. What control exists over subject at present? How can it be increased?  
Subject will resign from his position as a Labor Service Lieutenant and will therefore be dependent upon us for a livelihood. Control can be increased by case officer's cultivation of him.

42. For what service does he think he is working? What does he think because of his information?

AIS. Used by AIS.

43. Explain why subject's past or present connection with any intelligence service.

None known.

44. What type of information has subject furnished? What type is he best qualified by education or experience to furnish? Give evaluation of information received.

Has furnished some REDSKIN leads.

Will be used to gather and develop REDSKIN leads pertaining to Soviet Estonia.

18. If subject is to be employed in Germany, what kind of work?

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**No. He will be briefed and trained by case officer after recruitment.**

20. How many contacts does he have in Germany?

**Estonian and German acquaintances in Germany.**

21. How much money is he to be paid per month? (If he is to be paid, how much?)  
**DM 800.00 a month.**

22. How long is he to be employed? (If he is to be employed, how long?)  
**None, except that he would be employed for two years (contingent upon satisfactory performance).**

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**None, except that he would be employed for two years (contingent upon satisfactory performance).**

**No.**

24. How much money is he to be paid per month? (If he is to be paid, how much?)  
**Lower middle class.**

52. What are typical vices? Smoking, drinking, gambling, etc., or none?

**Drinks moderately. Has one or two girl friends.**

53. Evaluation of subject's loyalty, reliability, security.

**Very satisfactory. Please see MOBA 09747.**

54. What other foreign power would subject be most likely to collaborate with because of his ideological orientation? Explain.

**None.**

55. What special abilities, talents, or qualifications are possessed by subject which could conceivably be of value for other operations in the future?

56. Attach record of subject's education and handwriting in all languages known to him, also photograph, and fingerprints.

**To be furnished after recruitment.**

57. How is information to be obtained?

**From existing KUBARK files and from Frankfurt Operations Base personnel who know subject.**

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18. Other miscellaneous operational and contents.

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